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(U) Cerritos – Man Charged with Running Darknet Fentanyl Operation

(U) A Cerritos man faces federal charges for running a large-scale operation that sold fentanyl on the darknet, US Department of Justice officials announced Monday. Christopher Hampton, 36, was named in an 11-count indictment charging him with numerous narcotics and weapons offenses that could result in a life-sentence in federal prison. Hampton was allegedly active on nine darknet marketplaces where he used the name “Narco710,” officials detailed. He was arrested on 2 November after several federal agencies served search warrants and found 450-pounds of suspected narcotics, six pill-press machines, some capable of producing thousands of pills per hour, and illegal firearms that included assault rifles and a suspected machine gun. Agents also found more than 20,000 multi-colored pills containing fentanyl, so-called “skittles,” manufactured to resemble oxycodone pills.

SOURCE: 21 November 2022, [KTLA 5](#)

(U) Rocklin – K9 Search Leads to Seizure of Nearly 60,000 Suspected Fentanyl Pills

(U) A Placer County Sheriff Office (PCSO) K9 is responsible for the seizure of nearly 60,000 suspected fentanyl pills in Placer County. A PCSO deputy conducted a traffic stop on 17 November. His partner, K9 Ruger, conducted a “sniff” of the vehicle, alerting his handler upon reaching the passenger’s side. A duffle bag was found containing numerous blue tablets suspected to be fentanyl. Jorge Vega, and Oscar Silvas, both 30, were arrested for possession of a controlled substance and transportation / sales of a controlled substance.

SOURCE: 22 November 2022, [KOLO](#)

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(U) Michigan – Man Accused of Threats Against Congressman, FBI Director

(U) Grand Blanc – A Michigan man threatened to kill FBI Director Christopher Wray and a California congressman amid multiple accusations about sex trafficking, a criminal complaint unsealed yesterday alleged. Neil Matthew Walter, 32, was arrested and prosecutors unveiled plans to charge him for transmitting threats, which can entail up to five-years in prison. US Capitol Police began investigating Walter after he left a threatening voicemail for Representative John Garamendi and later discovered the threats against Wray. Capitol Police tapped a Genesee County, Michigan, detective to check on Walter, and during one interview, he fired off a slew of allegations about his children being raped. Eventually, his father arrived and divulged that Walter had a mental health condition. He had been out of a treatment facility and had a firearm, per the complaint.

SOURCE: 22 November 2022, [Washington Examiner](#)

(U) Oklahoma – Four Chinese Citizens Executed at Marijuana Grow Farm

(U) Oklahoma City – A man was arrested yesterday in connection with the killings of four Chinese nationals at a marijuana growing operation in Oklahoma, which investigators have described as “executions,” officials said. One person was also left injured in the Sunday incident, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) said. Wu Chen, 45, was taken into custody in Miami Beach, Florida

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yesterday, according to law enforcement. "Chen will face Murder and Shooting with Intent to Kill charges," the OSBI said in a statement. "He is awaiting extradition to Oklahoma." The investigation began Sunday when Kingfisher County deputies were called to a reported hostage situation and found three men and one woman dead and one person injured, the OSBI said, noting they believed the attack wasn't random.

SOURCE: 23 November 2022, [CNN](#)

(U) Virginia – Employee Kills Six Co-Workers at Walmart

(U) Chesapeake – A Walmart employee opened fire yesterday evening at a Virginia store, killing at least six people before taking his own life, police said. The shooting at the Walmart Supercenter was reported to police at 10:12 p.m., Chesapeake Police Department Chief Mark Solesky said. Officers arrived two minutes later and entered the store at 10:16 p.m., he said. Police declared the scene safe a little more than an hour later. He said the shooter was a disgruntled employee of the store and died from what authorities suspect was a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Authorities believe the shooter used a pistol. A motive has not yet been determined, he said.

SOURCE: 22 November 2022, [NBC News](#)

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(U) Israel – Bombings Kills One, Injures 18

(U) Jerusalem – Two blasts went off near bus stops in Jerusalem at the height of morning rush hour today, killing a Canadian-Israeli teenager and injuring at least 18, in what police said were suspected attacks by Palestinians. The first explosion occurred near a typically crowded bus stop on the edge of the city. The second went off about half an hour later in Ramot, a settlement in the city's north. Police said one person died from their wounds and at least three were seriously wounded in the blasts. Police, who were searching for the suspected attackers, said their initial findings showed that shrapnel-laden explosive devices were placed at the two sites.

SOURCE: 23 November 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Sweden – Police Arrest Two Suspected Russian Spies

(U) Stockholm – Swedish authorities arrested two people on suspicion of espionage in a predawn operation yesterday in the Stockholm area. Authorities gave few details about the case, but Swedish media cited witnesses who described elite police rappelling from two Black Hawk helicopters to arrest a couple that had allegedly spied for Russia. Sweden's Prosecution Authority said one of the two was accused of "gross illegal intelligence activities against Sweden and against a foreign power." Sweden's security agency said the operation, which included house searches, was carried out with the assistance of the police and the Swedish Armed Forces, which provided helicopters. The spy agency said a probe "has been ongoing for some time."

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